

4. (Amended) A spacer as set forth in claim 1 or 2, wherein the average roughness of the groove bottoms of said spiral grooves is 1.2 μ m or less.

5. (Amended) A spacer as set forth in claim 1 or 2, wherein the spiral progression angle (β), as determined by:

$\tan \beta = (d \times \pi \times \theta / 360) / p$

where d is the outer diameter, θ is the spiral groove inversion angle, and p is the spiral groove inversion pitch, is set in the range, 5 to 15°.

6. (Amended) An optical fiber cable characterized in using a spacer as set forth in claim 1 or 2 to house a plurality of tape-form optical fibers in at least one or more spiral grooves.

7. (Amended) An optical fiber cable characterized in using a spacer as set forth in claim 1 or 2 to house a single-core optical fiber in at least one or more spiral grooves.

13. (Amended) A method for producing a spacer for optical fiber cable as set forth in claim 9 or 10, wherein said predetermined angle is set to an angle of within 30° to 150°.

14. (Amended) A method for producing a spacer for optical fiber cable as set forth in any of claims 8 through 10, wherein the drawdown is set to 70% or more.

The Appendix hereto shows the changes made in the claims.



A DOCPHOENIX

BACKFILE DOCUMENT INDEX SHEET

APPL PARTS

_____ IMIS _____
Internal Misc. Paper
_____ LET. _____
Misc. Incoming Letter
_____ 371P _____
PCT Papers in a 371 Application
_____ A... _____
Amendment Including Elections
_____ ABST _____
Abstract
_____ ADS _____
Application Data Sheet
_____ AF/D _____
Affidavit or Exhibit Received
_____ APPENDIX _____
Appendix
_____ ARTIFACT _____
Artifact
_____ BIB _____
Bib Data Sheet
_____ CLM _____
Claim
_____ COMPUTER _____
Computer Program Listing
_____ CRFL _____
All CRF Papers for Backfile
_____ DIST _____
Terminal Disclaimer Filed
_____ DRW _____
Drawings
_____ FOR _____
Foreign Reference
_____ FRPR _____
Foreign Priority Papers
_____ IDS _____
IDS Including 1449

_____ NPL _____
Non-Patent Literature
_____ OATH _____
Oath or Declaration
_____ PET. _____
Petition
_____ RETMAIL _____
Mail Returned by USPS
_____ SEQLIST _____
Sequence Listing
_____ SPEC _____
Specification
_____ SPEC NO _____
Specification Not in English
_____ TRNA _____
Transmittal New Application

_____ CTNF _____
Count Non-Final
_____ CTRS _____
Count Restriction
_____ EXIN _____
Examiner Interview
_____ M903 _____
DO/EO Acceptance
_____ M905 _____
DO/EO Missing Requirement
_____ NFDR _____
Formal Drawing Required
_____ NOA _____
Notice of Allowance
_____ PETDEC _____
Petition Decision

OUTGOING

_____ CTMS _____
Misc. Office Action
_____ 1449 _____
Signed 1449
_____ 892 _____
892
_____ ABN _____
Abandonment
_____ APDEC _____
Board of Appeals Decision
_____ APEA _____
Examiner Answer
_____ CTAV _____
Count Advisory Action
_____ CTEQ _____
Count Ex parte Quayle
_____ CTFR _____
Count Final Rejection

INCOMING

_____ AP.B _____
Appeal Brief
_____ C.AD _____
Change of Address
_____ N/AP _____
Notice of Appeal
_____ PA.. _____
Change in Power of Attorney
_____ REM ³ _____
Applicant Remarks in Amendment
_____ XT/ _____
Extension of Time filed separate

Internal

_____ SRNT _____
Examiner Search Notes
_____ CLMPTO _____
PTO Prepared Complete Claim Set

_____ ECBOX _____
Evidence Copy Box Identification
_____ WCLM _____
Claim Worksheet
_____ WFEE _____
Fee Worksheet

File Wrapper

_____ FWCLM _____
File Wrapper Claim
_____ IIFW _____
File Wrapper Issue Information
_____ SRFW _____
File Wrapper Search Info


REMARKS

This simply eliminates the informalities of any multiple dependent claim depending from another multiple dependent claim and conforms the title to the herewith submitted Declaration/Power of Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan and Hamburg LLP

By



C. Bruce Hamburg

Reg. No. 22,389

Attorney for Applicants

122 East 42nd Street
New York, New York 10168
(212) 986-2340

09/52363-030504